

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring the provision of child welfare services to a child, comprising:

receiving child update information on the child, the child update information including reporter information and child status information;

storing the child update information in a central database; [[and]]

monitoring wellness of the child based on the child status information to determine whether abuse or neglect of the child has occurred; and

providing a report based on the stored child update information and the wellness of the child.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the reporter information includes at least one of a case identifier, a Personal Identification Number (PIN) of the reporter, a reporting terminal's identifier, and a GPS location of the reporting terminal.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the child status information includes at least one of a health of the child, a status of the child, information about the child's environment, and a picture of the child.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the child update information further includes a time and a date.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising scanning the stored child update information to verify that child update information is being received on a periodic basis.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising generating a child alert if the child update information is not received on [[in]] the periodic basis.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising sending the child alert to a foster parent or group home responsible for the child if the child update information is not received within a first predetermined basis.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising sending the child alert to child welfare services if the child update information is not received within a second predetermined basis.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising processing payments based on the child update information.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a case identification card to the child.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising receiving a scan of the case identification card.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the child update information is received using an interactive voice response system.

13. (Currently Amended) A system for monitoring the provision of child welfare services to a child, comprising:

a memory;

a database; and

a processor coupled to the memory and the database, the processor configured to:

receive child update information on the child, the child update information including reporter information and child status information;

store the child update information in a central database; [[and]]

monitor wellness of the child based on the child status information to determine whether abuse or neglect of the child has occurred; and

provide a report based on the stored child update information and the wellness of the child.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the reporter information includes at least one of a case identifier, a Personal Identification Number (PIN) of the reporter, a reporting terminal's identifier, and a GPS location of the reporting terminal.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the child status information includes at least one of a health of the child, a status of the child, information about the child's environment, and a picture of the child.

16. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the child update information further includes a time and a date.

17. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the processor is further configured to scan the stored child update information to verify that child update information is being received on a periodic basis.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the processor is further configured to generate a child alert if the child update information is not received on the periodic basis.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the processor is further configured to send the child alert to a foster parent or group home responsible for the child if the child update information is not received within a first predetermined basis.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the processor is further configured to send the child alert to child welfare services if the child update information is not received within a second predetermined basis.

21. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the processor is further configured to process payments based on the child update information.

22. (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising a case identification card associated with the child.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the processor is further configured to receive a scan of the case identification card.

24. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the processor is further configured to receive the child update information using an interactive voice response system.